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SUBJECT: U.S. LECTURER PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 163337 JULY 11,'75; (B) CHAPLIN/EMBASSY
JANUARY DISCUSSIONS RE U.S. LECTURER OPENINGS; (C) MEXICO
0108; (D) MEXICO 2858

1. TENTATIVE REQUEST FOR MARTIN RAISES FOLLOWING QUESTIONS
AND PROBLEMS:

- A. TIMING DETAILS. CAN YOU GIVE APPROPRIATE DATE OR
RANGE OF DATES IN SEPT; WHEN PROFESSOR WOULD BE EXPECTED
TO ARRIVE? WOULD EARLY OCTOBER (SEE B. BELOW) BE POSSIBLE?
WHAT IS PROPOSED GRANT DURATION? WOULD SECOND SEMESTER
ARRIVAL BE ACCEPTABLE AND IF SO WHAT APPROXIMATE DATE?

- B. FUNDING. YOUR REFERENCE TO UNIVERSITY COMMITMENT
IMPLIES COST-SHARING; IF THIS IS THE CASE APPLICATIONS CAN
BE INVITED ONLY IF COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS ARE FIRM AND
IN WRITING, OR ALTERNATIVELY, IF POST IS WILLING TO FINANCE
TOTAL COST FROM ITS ALLOCATION IF COST-SHARING DOES NOT
WORK OUT. CANDIDATES ALWAYS WANT FINANCIAL DETAILS. PRO-
POSED SEPTEMBER ARRIVAL MEANS GRANT WOULD HAVE TO START IN
TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FOR WHICH FUNDING POSSIBILITIES ARE
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UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME; ESPECIALLY IF GRANT WERE FOR FULL

ACADEMIC YEAR, WE CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER IT COULD BE COVERED IN MEXICO'S T.Q. ALLOCATION. IF OCT. ARRIVAL WERE FEASIBLE, THEN COULD BE FUNDED FROM FY 77.

- C. IF POINTS RAISED ABOVE CAN BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY, WE WILL ASK CIES TO CONTACT MARTIN. HE WOULD OF COURSE HAVE TO FOLLOW REGULAR PROCEDURE OF FILING APPLICATION WITH CIES WHERE IT WOULD BE SCREENED AND IF APPROVED FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO POST FOR POST/UNIVERSITY DECISION, WITH FINAL DECISION ON APPLICATION MADE BY BFS. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT IN SOME CASES NAME REQUEST PROCEDURE HAS BEEN UTILIZED SUCCESSFULLY IN FILLING U.S. LECTURER OPENINGS FOR MEXICO, THIS SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM AS OPEN COMPETITION IS AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE PROGRAM. IN THIS CASE CIES COULD HAVE CARRIED OUT PUBLICITY AND RECRUITMENT HAD THE DETAILS REQUESTED REF(A) BEEN RECEIVED. IN THE FUTURE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHEN U.S. PROFESSORS CONTACT THE POST RE POSSIBLE LECTURING OPENINGS SO THAT REGULAR APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE SET IN MOTION THROUGH CIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF GRANTS IN MEXICO, BUT ALSO BECAUSE THE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES MIGHT BE WILLING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD MEXICO OPENING NOT MATERIALIZE. KISSINGER

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